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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I write to support the proposed consent decree in the federal government's antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft Corporation.

As a writer and researcher, I have been a close observer of the information technology industry's problems and potential in North Carolina and across the nation. It is clear to me that continued litigation in this matter serves neither the industry nor the consumer well.

Now that a settlement has been negotiated that provides broad protections against illegal behavior by Microsoft, I am hopeful that the courts will bring a close to this litigation. It would be a step forward for the economy of this state and for the entire nation.

Sincerely,



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